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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

This Supplemental Amendment is submitted to supplement the Amendment in Response to February 27, 1998 Office Action and Petition for a Two-Month Extension of Time which was filed on May 22, 1998 in connection with the above-identified application.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the claims:

--1. (amended)

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

A protein comprising CRAF1 truncated by from about 323 to about 414 amino acid residues at the amino terminus by at least 323 amino acid residues up to 414 amino acid residues, or a variant thereof capable of inhibiting CD40-

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mediated cell activation.

Claims 1-20 are pending. Applicants have hereinabove amended claim 1 more particularly point out the presently claimed invention. Applicants contend that such amendment raises no issue of new matter. Support for this amendment may be found inter alia in the specification, for example, on page 8, line 3